Then & Now, I AM
The Resurrection & The Life
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Because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, I am able to trust God with everything.

1. I am able to trust His promises over my fears. - John 11:1-16

- Jesus tells us to not be afraid, because He is in control of everything, even death and hell itself. - Revelation 1:7-8
- Paul tells us that death is our enemy. - 1 Corinthians 15
- Jesus came to earth, in part, to free us from the fear of death - Hebrews 2:14-15

Jesus proves that He is the Resurrection and the Life by raising Lazarus from the dead. - John 11:4

- Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

2. I am able to trust His timing over my circumstances. - John 11:17-27

- We must hold onto our faith that Jesus can heal, restore, reconcile, and deliver even the most difficult of circumstances.
  - His timing, His methods, and His purposes are often beyond our ability to perceive or understand.
  - Sometimes His answer is "yes", sometimes "later" and sometimes it is "no".
  - We must trust that if we pray for God's will to be done, that God's will for us will be done.
  - The only time God doesn't answer prayer is when we don't pray.

3. I am able to trust His commands over my rationale. - John 11:38-44

- We obey what He asks of us when we know He is speaking, even when it doesn't make sense.

Because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, we can trust Him with everything in life, and we should.

- We trust Him with our circumstances, with our fears, and even our rationale at times.

Because Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, we don't even have to be afraid to die, because life itself comes from Him.

- Will you trust Him?